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CHEAPEN AND PURITY THE ELECTIONS.

In the recent election in this city the money expended, officially and unofficially, amounted to nearly \$5 for every voter.
At the notoriously corrupt elections in England, before the passage of the Reform Act in 1832, the expenditure reached about the same average. In 1835, under the operation of the new law, the cost was only \$1.10 per voter.

America ought not to be afraid of learning from England in anything that affects the economy and honesty of elections. Democracy is subverted when money controls elections. Republicanism is a mockery when dollars and not votes govern.
The exhaustive and clear statement of electoral reform in England published in this morning's World should be studied by our statesmen and pondered by the people.

BAR OUT THE PLAGUE.

The remarkable statement is made that the passengers of the plague-stricken *Alcina* are to be permitted to enter the city, not because the danger of cholera is past, but because they have mutilated against further quarantine.

The New York Board of Health has refused to assent to the landing, and yet the weak-kneed and inefficient Quarantine Commission is to subject the community to this grave danger.

What a ghastly farce Tom Plaxton's Commission is! The cholera would seem to need no better friend.

Is there no way of breaking through the tangle of red tape and official stupidity, and protecting the metropolis from the threatened plague?

Does not the law of self-preservation justify the sending back of the cholera-infected immigrants, if necessary?

MARON'S GURGLE.

Little Boss MARON pops his head above the Democratic flood in Virginia just long enough to say: "It wasn't much of a shower," and to give one gurgling cry of "Fraud!"

The waters then close over the submerged shrieker, who has gone to meet HINDENBURGH, and "Silence, like a poultice, comes to heal the blows of sound."

ONLY A SHAM.

It is really funny to observe the sudden zeal with which one of the turncoat journals that supported FELLOWS now demands the trial "not of one but of all the Boollers" before the 1st of January.

How the indicted ex-Aldermen must shake their fat sides with laughter and close one optic in the suggestive wink of joke-appreciating glee as they read this funny fulmination.

Nobody is trying to "bulldoze the officers of the law" now, of course. There is no "newspaper clamor" nor "persecution" in this call upon Mr. MARTINE to "try the Boollers now."

Everybody understands that it is made by a Sham from Shamville.

THE LAND COMMISSIONER.

The unfortunate thing about the enforced retirement of Commissioner SPARKS is that, however unjustly, it will be interpreted as a triumph for the land-grabbers.

Mr. SPARKS may not have a talent for subordination, but he has made an honest, a stubborn and an effective fight against land-shark corporations and land-grabbing combinations. His success in this line has been the best achievement of the Administration.

There is every reason to believe that President CLEVELAND has fully approved of this policy. But the only way to convince the country that SPARKS' retirement is not a land-grabbers' triumph is to appoint a new Commissioner who will be as resolute a foe of the grabbers as SPARKS has been.

THE HARVEST OF HYMEN.

Now that all the other crops have been gathered and garnered, Hymen comes in for his harvest. And a generous, rosy and foliaceous one it is. Full ripened beneath the sun of summer flirtation and courtship, the first frost brings down the brides like a shower of chestnuts from a shaken bough.

EDWARD ATKINSON has just demonstrated by statistics that American men are taller and handsomer than ever. But it needs only the evidence of eyes to prove that the brides grow lovelier year by year. What wonder,

then, that the noble army of Hymen is receiving recruits on every hand!
What troops of friends, what showers of blessings, what delightful omens Hymen rallies to his standard. What bewildering trosses—but stay, this is a topic that requires columns.

Let the merry bells ring and the honey-moons fill up the sky as long as there is rice in the bin and the stock of old shoes holds out.

MR. COMSTOCK'S "DUTY."

We are quite willing to concede that ANTHONY COMSTOCK is "not afraid to do what he considers to be his duty."

The difficulty arises from his conception of his duty. There is a feeling prevalent in the community that Mr. Comstock's first duty is to get false and prurient ideas out of his own head or to cause implying such ideas to those whose imaginations are healthy and whose tastes are fine.

It is not Mr. Comstock's duty to emasculate Art nor to cloak Beauty.

THE WOMEN WORKERS.

The women workers of New York are endeavoring to organize for protection and advancement.

The movement should succeed. If any class of workers needs protection, it is the women. They are subject to greater privation, greater hardship, greater injustice than their masculine co-laborers.

As testified to at Pythagoras Hall last night, shirts are still being made at 45 cents a dozen.

Other work is often in proportion. And in addition to these starvation wages, a system of petty tyranny and fines prevails in many shops.

Is there no hope for the slaves of the needle? Has trade starved out not only the spirit of chivalry but the spirit of justice to women?

RIGHT ON THEIR SIDE.

The coal magnates say that the trouble in the Lehigh region are "of little consequence. We shall certainly win and the men will be forced to terms."

Very possibly. Everything except a shrinkage of fat dividends is "of little consequence" to the coal barons. But, though the power of combined capital is against them, the miners in their demand for a share in the increased prosperity have light on their side. And Right has been known to triumph even in a more desperate cause.

It's a very long road without a turning, even among the coal hills.

THEY BEAR THE CURSE.

There is one class of workers for temperance that ought to be, and in the main is, safe from gibe and rancor.

It is the women upon whom the curse of drunkenness rests most heavily, and when women unite to protect their homes from its blight their provocation and their aim should secure for them at least the respect of silence from those who do not believe in their remedies for an evil that none can deny.

Woman's suffering from drunken husbands, fathers, sons and brothers gives her a right to call for all the protection that society can, justly give.

"TO BE CONTINUED."

So ROBERT BONNER retires, and the New York Ledger, like its stories, is "to be continued."

The marvellous stories, whose tantalizing first chapters are given in the dailies, will still appear "in our next." The budding poet will still have his "corner." The revered doctors of divinity will still furnish in one column the antidote to the blood-curdling yarns in another.

While the *Ledger* aims to "instruct," its didactic discourses are always conveniently placed for skipping. Its fund of amusement is at any rate large, its moral tone is high, and the *Ledger* is, on the whole, one of the best papers of its class.

As to ROBERT BONNER, may he, too, "be continued" for many years in the enjoyment of the fruits of his labor.

Apt alliteration's artful aid is a dangerous reliance on West. A man has incurred the penalty of a year's imprisonment in Milwaukee for calling an Alderman a "Budden-builder and burly boodler." The libel should have built his own word structure on a basis of hard fact.

The Coroner's jury in Harlem blamed Father KIRK for the school-house disaster instead of the Inspector who failed to enforce the law. But how can a dead priest be expected to have as much "influence" as a live Inspector.

After Dr. MACKENZIE's positive prediction of the fatal result of the Crown Prince's illness, only a very strict constructionist in professional etiquette would blame him for desiring a change of doctors.

The Southern method of disarming Mormon missionaries with a coat of tar and feathers and the "goose-flesh" creating bay of the bloodhounds is hardly constitutional, but is likely to prove effective.

It is a curious fact that of the four Independents in the House not one comes from the sections where Mugwumpism is popularly supposed to have its abode.

The French Minister of Justice has resigned. But don't lose any sleep about Mr. GARLAND'S SUCCESSOR. There's nothing contagious about resignations.

The straw bondsman exposed by THE WORLD has been found guilty. There will be no further doubts as to how the wind blows in these cases.

LELY, FREDDIE and BONNIE are out. Here's a state of things. Here's a how-do-do.

The Brotherhood of Ball-Players do not relish a Fatherhood of Ball Magnates.

EXPENSIVE TO HOLD LOTS.

WHAT IT COSTS TO OWN UNIMPROVED PROPERTY IN THIS CITY.

If Henry George's Tax Theories were put in Force Only a Capitalist Would be Able to Hold a Vacant Lot—Homes Figures Showing What an Unimproved Bleeding Unimproved Property is to its Owners.



PEOPLE of New York State who have studied the land-tax theories of Henry George have rejected them. In this city, where 68,110 voters were found in 1886 ready to vote for Henry George, the man, only a little more than that number were found in the whole State this year who, in the light of a discussion of his land-tax ideas, were ready to stamp those theories with their indorsement.

Mr. George has been accused of a distortion, or, at least, a misapprehension of facts in his efforts to show that there was a grinding monopoly in land, and that the poor were being deprived of the land which they were joint owners of with the possessors or nominal owners. He has said that one-third of Manhattan Island was covered with vacant lots, held by the lucky children of rich parents for a rise in valuation, without its being of the slightest value to any one, and that by reason of the gathering here of hundreds of thousands of people, the value of these lots was doubling and quadrupling very fast, to the sole benefit of the people whose parents claimed title to them, while a majority of the city population was hived up in crowded and unhealthy tenements.

A World reporter who has been investigating the matter has found that the data whereby he could learn the proportion of the acreage of this island now vacant and held as "city lots." There is a vast tract of vacant land, however, on each side of Central Park. In Fifth avenue there are a host of vacant lots between Fifty-fifth street and Harlem River.

Mr. George has repeated over and over again that the holders of these vacant lots should be compelled either to build upon them or to give them up to be distributed again. He has insisted that they should be taxed so high that it would be impossible to retain them unoccupied. Here are some facts:

Mary G. Pinckney is one of the sort of holders by inheritance against whom the George theorists inveigh. She owns a lot in the assessment rolls for 138 lots in the Twelfth Ward. These lots are in Fifth and Sixth avenues, and One Hundred and Tenth, One Hundred and Eleventh, and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between those avenues. They are assessed at \$466,000, which is on a basis of one-half of their market value. The rate of taxes is \$2.16 for every \$100, or \$10,068 for the year. This is a fine of \$73 each for holding these lots during 1887. No revenue is derived from them.

Corner lots in Fifth avenue cost a pretty penny. For instance, for one lot in the northwest corner of Fifty-fifth street, which is assessed at \$55,000. Its owner, Mrs. Hamersley, will pay \$1,180 into the coffers of the city for the fun of its possession this year. In 1887 it cost \$1,180. This is a fine of \$73 each for holding these lots during 1887. No revenue is derived from them.

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One of the reasons why these lots are so expensive is that they are situated in the most desirable part of the city. They are surrounded by the most valuable property, and they are the only lots of their kind in the neighborhood.

James Lenox, whose princely gift to the city of the magnificent library bearing his name has made him honored by the people, owns many lots in the neighborhood of the splendid building. Of course the erection of the building there added to the value of the land, and the lots are now worth more than when they were first purchased.

Robert Bonner, on a lot at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-fifth street, is assessed for 1887 at \$2,180. This is a fine of \$73 each for holding these lots during 1887. No revenue is derived from them.

During the past ten years A. S. Hamersley, who has the monopoly of the northeast corner lot at Fifth avenue and Sixtieth street and three lots adjoining on the avenue, making a total frontage of about one hundred feet, has been assessed at from \$41,000 to \$100,000 of them and has paid in taxes a trifle more than \$18,000, about \$3,500 for each lot. To put it in another way, Mr. Hamersley has paid at the rate of \$100 a year for each foot of his Fifth avenue lot for the past decade.

The assessment is at one-half the market value of the land. If Mr. George's sole tax on land were enforced by law, who but a man of wealth could hold it? Mr. George would take away the tax on buildings, but expenses of government would go on just the same and the money wherewith to defray them would be raised from the land alone. Therefore the half-million-dollar house on the opposite corner would not be taxed and its owner would pay no more on his bare lot than the owner of the house.

If the government confiscated the land for failure to pay the tax, who but a rich man could pay the lease of the land? How much benefit would the poor man derive from the fact that it will be seized by the city? The city consists of vacant lots, they would be taxed one-third of the \$34,370,686.75 raised on the whole city this year.

Fancies for Women.

The newest vogue is quite small. Those in cut glass are no longer fashionable. The favorite material is oxidized silver.

The most popular style is not more than five inches long, is a little larger at the top than at the bottom, and is slightly curved.

A very pretty one seen has an etching of wild roses and ivy, the screw top being attached by a slender chain.

The design on one vinaigrette is Egyptian in character, and another has morning glories etched in relief. The latter is the work of another. These are intended to be hung on a chain.

FOR YOUNG WOMEN AT THEATRE.

This gushing appeal for information arrived the other day "per kindness" of a two-cent stamp, and may be of sufficient interest to answer through these columns.

DEAR SIR: Do, like a dear, good man, give me some "points" for young women at the theatre. I go, often, and always find that something happens to rattle my serenely. Last night, a gentleman running out between the acts told me my pet corn, and spoiled my amusement. The week before last I sat by the side of a horribly affectionate couple, who "spooned" all the time. As for people who talk during the play, it is always my ill-luck to be cast beside them. Why should such nuisances exist? Don't forget to answer this.

You might suspect that I was an advertising agent, Lucetta, if I suggested any particular remedy for your pet corn, and I will not do it. I would, therefore, simply recommend you to wear loose boots until it is better.

Now don't be fretful and absurd. You know that nobody can see your feet, so what does it matter if your boots are a trifle too roomy? It is easy to judge from the tone of your letter that you think a gentleman has no right to leave the theatre between the acts.

How unreasonable! How like a woman! Lucetta, you do not suspect how what absolute necessity there is for the male theater-goer to break loose in these intervals. He goes out for the sake of his mind. Men cannot bear the terrible strain of a play for three consecutive hours. They are not constituted like women. An undisturbed evening of comedy, tragedy, or farce is too much for them. The excitement is too intense.

Lucetta, do not annoy the bread-winners by letting them see that they burn your corns as if they did so on the pattern and womanly. While you would not go so far as to ask you to offer your right foot when your left has been trodden upon, I would say bear your injury with resignation, and in the future keep your feet well beneath your seat.

As for "spooning" at the theatre, frankly, Lucetta, I will tell you that I like to see it. That is all you need to look at upon this stage, anything but spooning. I am not a spoony myself, but I like to listen to the talkers. Their criticisms are good because they come from the heart, and they generally say something amusing.

You make a great many complaints, Lucetta, but I would willingly bet that you go to the theatre wearing a big hat. What can be worse than a big hat? Don't, for goodness sake, attempt to stoop men in their exits from the theatre until you come to gasp. An hour's contemplation of your ribbons and feathers and buckles is of itself a reason why relief should be sought.

ALAN DALE.

WORLDLINGS.

A Lynchburg, Va., teacher advertises "Instruction in orthography, or the science of proper pronunciation."

Chicago has recently absorbed a portion of its suburbs containing 70,000 people, and now claims to have 600,000 inhabitants.

A drummer for a Western liquor house who recently returned from a trip through Iowa and Kansas says that he sold 300 barrels of liquor in those Prohibition States.

Farmers around Watgton, Mon., complain that they are unable to protect themselves against the depredations of the St. Vincent deer, which ravage their orchards and destroy their grain fields.

The St. Louis druggist who sold Maxwell the chloroform with which he put his victim, Frelser, into unconsciousness, says that public curiosity over the murder has put many a dollar into his pocket.

The Mexican policeman puts in twelve hours of hard work every day for the average wages of \$6 a month. In addition to his other duties he is obliged to carry a long ladder, which he uses in cleaning, filling, lighting and afterwards extinguishing all the street lamps on his beat.

Five of the leading Indians of the Court d'Alene tribe came into Spokane the other day and bought a new improved throwing machine on their return from the battle of Spottsylvania, Va., twenty-five years ago, where some Union soldier had abandoned them, and since then he has refused to eat with any other. If they become mislaid at mealtime he eats with his fingers, and he always carries them with him when he travels.

The industry of distilling wood is carried on to a considerable extent in Delaware County. The logs are roasted in large iron retorts, the vapors arising from combustion being carried to an ordinary still where the condensed steam is used for the wood, besides producing a fine quality of coal, yields tar, naphtha, alcohol and acetic vapors, which are mixed with lime to form the acetate of lime used in cloth printing.

Marshall Field, the Chicago dry-goods prince, is estimated to be worth nearly \$200,000. When the war broke out he was a clerk with L. Z. Letter, his present partner, in the dry-goods house of Cooley, Wadsworth & Co. Things looked blue at the time, and John V. Farwell, the managing partner, offered the young clerk a percentage of the profits in lieu of his salary. He accepted, and of the year each clerk drew out \$50,000 for his share.

One of the wealthiest, as well as the most miserly, citizens of Omaha is John H. Levy, who is reckoned to be worth nearly a million. He lives alone, cooks his own meals and sleeps in the cold lot of a dilapidated barn. He never sells or improves his property, and nearly all his wealth is due to the "unearned increment" arising from the general boom in real estate.

New Faces at the Hotels.

J. M. Cup, of Louisville, is a guest at the Barter Hotel.

With others at the Grand Hotel is Commander George W. Coffin, of the Navy.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Isaac H. Maynard is stopping at the Astor House.

Ex-Secretary of War Gen. Wm. W. Belknap, of Washington, arrived at the Victoria last evening.

Thomas Jones, a prominent and wealthy manufacturer, of Auburn, N. Y., is at the Sturtevant hotel.

J. Tilliphaugh, of Buffalo, President of the Wagner Shipping Car Company, arrived at the Hotel.

Queen Calvin Frost, of Peekskill, and Walter McQueen, the Schenectady locomotive builder, are recently arrived guests at the Park Avenue Hotel.

A favorite resort for Albany legislators is the Morris House. Among others there at present are Senator C. P. Ingersoll, of Westfield, and Senator B. H. Davis and Assemblyman John McDonnell, of West Virginia.

Ex-Congressman Frank Hill, of Toledo, O.; Col. William G. Rice, Gen. Hill's private secretary, and Col. John H. Hill, of Albany, are at the Albany Hotel.

Three United States Senators have arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel within the past twenty-four hours. They are George G. Vest, of Wisconsin; Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania; and W. M. Davis, of West Virginia, the latter registering this morning.

Terrestrialism is the name of the game. These are intended to be hung on a chain.

PRESENTS FOR POPE (LEO).

HIS JUBILEE REMEMBERED BY ALL THE POWERS OF THE WORLD.

All Nations Will be Represented at the Vatican Next Month—Diamonds, Gold Tapestries, Vestments and Statuary Among the Gifts—Diocesan Addresses to Flow to Rome From Every Part of the Globe.

HE jubilee of Pope Leo XIII. occurs in December. Every nation in the world will be represented at the Vatican. The Congress of Lisle, in Northern France, will present several objects of art and industry, especially related to Catholic worship. Paris will send a splendid tiara, and some excellent church organs. Belgium will present him with a magnificent edition of his own letters, encyclicals and discourses.

Naples will send him a throne in gold. The Circle of St. Luigi, in Milan, will forward him a costly gold pen.

The ex-officers of the Pontifical Army will express their pleasure at the event in the presentation of a massive inkstand, in gold and silver, of the style of the renaissance. It will bear representations of the great Doctors of the Church.

The statue of the Roman Pontifical Seminary will erect a monument to Leo XIII. in the shape of a statue to St. Thomas Aquinas, the study of whose works the Pope is particularly interested in and a warm advocate of Pope Leo has blessed the scheme, and the Catholic colleges of the world will assist the Roman students.

The superiors and professors of the Roman colleges will present him with a literary Academy on the occasion in honor of the Holy Father. Every tongue in the world will have its say.

The thirty-two Austrian archdukes have forwarded a magnificent ring of the saints. The offering is incased in a box of ruby plush, on which is a silver scroll containing the names of the archdukes.

Countess of Austria remembers Leo with a splendid tiara.

Gounod furnished a masterpiece composition, titled "Leone XIII."

The Turkish Sultan has presented him with a precious diamond ring of elegant design. The Pope now wears it. The Armenian Patriarch who presented it on behalf of the Sultan was the first to kiss it on the Pope's finger.

Marshall MacMahon's gift was a pair of expensive vases.

Jules Ferry's mark of respect takes the shape of a Sèvres vase and inkstand. The Prior General of the Carthusians comes forward with \$100,000.

The Empress-Regent of China will send a large contribution to help defray incidental expenses of the jubilee.

An exhibition of religious art will be held in the Vatican. An idea of its immensity may be derived from the fact that the Pope alone contributed \$80,000 towards its success.

China will send a high percentage with suitable presents. This functionality will at the same time notify His Holiness that the Emperor has attained his majority.

The Catholic University of America has forwarded an address of congratulation.

Pope Leo is the fourteenth of the Sovereign Pontiffs who lived to celebrate the golden jubilee of his pontificate. The others were: Gregory XII., John XXIII., Paul III., Gregory XIV., Innocent X., Clement X., Innocent XII., Benedict XIII., Clement XII., Pius VI., Pius VII., Benedict XIV. and Greg. XVI.

The Sisters all the world over will present him with the products of their respective convents—lacework, vestments, etc.

The Catholic University of America and of other countries will send special representatives with unusually large sums of Peter's Pence.

The delegates of America will contribute large and well executed representations of diocesan institutions to the general art display.

Diocesan addresses will flow in to the Vatican from every part of the globe.

The Pope will receive a sum of \$100,000 from the world over will unite in an appropriate testimonial which is now being considered by the General Director in Paris.

The Emperor and Empress of Brazil will deliver the address of welcome to the ceremony will be opened by the former.

Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, was the first of the American bishops to issue a pastoral on the jubilee. The collections were taken up in the churches of his diocese on the first Sunday in July, the day before the Fourth.

Of the money received by His Holiness at the celebration, \$100,000 will be turned over to the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. The other congregations will receive proportionate shares.

The Prince of Montenegro honors this great event by setting upon a train to support the Archbishop of Montenegro, and to send to Rome every year his students for education for the priesthood.

The Catholic University of America have appointed a committee to devise a suitable testimonial. Other Catholic organizations have followed the lead.

The Holy Father now wears a handsome stole which he wore at the coronation of his predecessor, and the gift of the American patriarch.

Ireland will remember him in its special collections and the Holy Father will return the compliment by dedicating the day of his jubilee the Irish national church in Rome.

The foreign prelates who attend the jubilee will find lodgings in the Labyrinth Palace.

The monks of the Abbey of Notre Dame, Lorins, near Cannes, in France, are bringing together in one volume a translation of the "Magnificat," into 100 languages, printed in the Vatican. The work will be presented to the Holy Father by the Abbot of the Monastery.

A silver reliquary containing a large piece of the wood of the cross is the gift of Mgr. Gallucci, Bishop of Recanati and Loreto.

The Prince Archbishop of Hungary has expressed to His Holiness a universal calendar of chronology which has engaged the attention of his manufacturer, a Hebrew, for twenty years.

Valencia, in Spain, offers a stole bristling with diamonds, brilliants, rubies and emeralds. The stole is a work of art, and a preparation a silver image of St. Raphael.

Catholics who have received titles from the Holy See have organized to present some work of art for the Vatican galleries. Hon. J. A. Pender, Canadian Secretary of State, is one of the honorary presidents.

The Queen's regent of Spain has had a magnificent carpet made for presentation to Leo XIII. whose spiritual sway she acknowledges.

An exhibition of the presents Spain will send to Rome in December is now